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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 FIRS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION,
9 Plaintiff,

10 v.
11 CITY OF SEATAC,
12 Defendant.

NO. C19-1130RSL

ORDER GRANTING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO
AMEND ANSWER AND
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

14 This matter comes before the Court on "Defendant's Motion for Leave to Amend Answer
15 and Affirmative Defenses." Dkt. # 48. The motion is an attempt to correct certain deficiencies
16 identified by plaintiff in a pending motion to strike affirmative defenses. Dkt. # 42. Plaintiff
17 argues that the motion does not address all of the issues it raised in the motion to strike and
18 should therefore be denied as prejudicial and futile. Dkt. # 53.

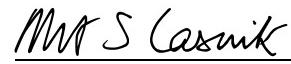
20 The source of the alleged prejudice is unclear. Plaintiff identified deficiencies in the
21 affirmative defenses, and defendant has proactively responded to its criticisms. Plaintiff offers
22 no support for its argument that defendant must wait until the Court strikes its affirmative
23 defenses before acknowledging and attempting to correct deficiencies, nor would such a
24 requirement promote the efficient use of the parties' or the Court's time. Plaintiff's claim of
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1 futility is equally unavailing. Plaintiff concedes that the proposed amendment addresses at least
2 two of the shortcomings it identified in its motion to strike. The amendment would not,
3 therefore, be futile.
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6 For all of the foregoing reasons, defendant's motion to amend its answer and affirmative
7 defenses is GRANTED. The Court shall consider plaintiff's motion to strike in the context of the
8 amended pleading.

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10 Dated this 21st day of January, 2019.

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12 Robert S. Lasnik
13 United States District Judge

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